

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION

FRANCIS OBIORA ENWONWU

CASE NO. 6:25-CV-00232 (SEC. P)

VERSUS

JUDGE ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS

KEVIN JOYCE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE WHITEHURST

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation ("R&R"), whereby she recommends the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus submitted by Francis Enwonwu be denied and dismissed without prejudice.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner objects, in part, arguing jurisdiction remains with the United States District Court for the District of Maine.<sup>2</sup> The Court agrees. When the petition was filed, Enwonwu was incarcerated in Portland, Maine, within the jurisdictional boundaries of the United States District Court for the District of Maine.<sup>3</sup> He filed his petition in the district court of that district and named as respondent the warden of the institution in which he was incarcerated.<sup>4</sup> "Jurisdiction attached on that initial filing for habeas corpus relief, and it was not destroyed by the transfer of petitioner and accompanying custodial change."<sup>5</sup> Accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 20 at 8.

<sup>2</sup> *See e.g.* ECF No. 21 at 4.

<sup>3</sup> *See* ECF No. 6 at 2.

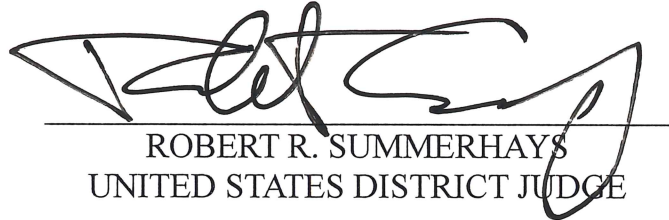
<sup>4</sup> *See* ECF No. 1 at 1; *see also*

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<sup>5</sup> *Griffin v. Ebbert*, 751 F.3d 288, 290 (5th Cir. 2014); *see also* ECF No. 20 at 4-5.

The Clerk of Court is ORDERED to transfer the present case to the United States District Court, District of Maine, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631.

THUS DONE in Chambers on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



ROBERT R. SUMMERHAYS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE